

Willmar Police Department

2010

Annual Report





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WILLMAR POLICE DEPARTMENT

CORE VALUES

Integrity

Service

Professionalism

Respect

Trust

VISION STATEMENT

The goal of the Willmar Police Department is to provide a safer community through a partnership with its citizens.

MISSION STATEMENT

The Willmar Police Department is dedicated to provide fair and impartial police services to all persons through education and enforcement.

POLICE CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSIONERS



Lowell Fostervold, President
Dennis Anfinson, Vice President
Lourdez Schwab, Secretary

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WILLMAR POLICE DEPARTMENT PERSONNEL

as of December 31, 2010

| | |
|-----------------------------------|------------------------------|
| Chief of Police | David J. Wyffels |
| Captain..... | |
| Sergeant..... | Julie A. Asmus |
| Sergeant..... | Vincent K. King |
| Sergeant..... | James E. Felt |
| Sergeant..... | Michael J. Anderson |
| Sergeant..... | Daniel R. Erickson |
| Sergeant..... | Michael C. Markkanen |
| Police Officer (Specialist) | Timothy L. Manuel |
| Police Officer (Specialist) | Marilee K. Dorn |
| Police Officer (Specialist) | Anthony J. LaPatka |
| Police Officer (Specialist) | Delmin C. Wagner |
| Police Officer | Robert P. Dobransky, Jr. |
| Police Officer (Specialist) | Michael J. Jahnke |
| Police Officer (Specialist) | Gene A. Schneider |
| Police Officer | Frank O. Hanson |
| Police Officer (Specialist) | Kristian M. Kolstad |
| Police Officer (Specialist) | Chad L. Nelson |
| Police Officer | Craig A. Lange |
| Police Officer | Chad W. Oakleaf |
| Police Officer | Jared J. Wosmek |
| Police Officer | Jason E. Evans |
| Police Officer (Specialist) | Scott M. Erickson |
| Police Officer | Zachary N. Herzog |
| Police Officer | Dustin M. Van der Hagen |
| Police Officer | James A. Venenga |
| Police Officer | Bridget A. Coit |
| Police Officer (Specialist) | Ross S. Livingood |
| Police Officer | Michael J. Holme |
| Police Officer | Samuel M. Neubauer |
| Police Officer | Joshua M. Helgeson |
| Police Officer | Christopher T. Flatten |
| Police Officer | Jason M. Hay |
| Police Officer | Christian J. Berg |
| Administrative Assistant..... | Susan A. Edwards |
| Secretary..... | Linda K. Wittman |
| Secretary..... | Kimberly M. Becker-Stenglein |
| Secretary | Katherine E. Laughlin |
| Community Service Officer | Samantha A. Hinnenkamp |
| Community Service Officer | Columba E. Nwosu |
| Community Service Officer | Matthew B. Peters |
| Community Service Officer | Matthew P. Ledeboer |



RESIGNATIONS, PROMOTIONS AND NEW EMPLOYEES

Officer Christian Berg was hired on January 25, 2010. Christian is originally from Owatonna, Minnesota, and received his law enforcement degree from Minnesota State University-Mankato. Christian worked at the Waseca Police Department for one year prior to his employment with the Willmar Police Department.

Alex Anderson and Tony Pearson completed the CSO/Apprentice Program through Ridgewater College on May 14, 2010, and left to complete the Law Enforcement Skills Program in Alexandria.

Shelby Nielsen was hired for the summer months as a part-time CSO.

Summer part-time employees for the Bicycle Patrol were Andrew Halbritter and Ross Swartz.

Chief of Police James Kulset retired July 23, 2010, after over 32 years with the Willmar Police Department.

Captain David Wyffels was promoted to Chief of Police on July 24, 2010. David has been with the Willmar Police Department since April 20, 1981.

Samantha Hinnenkamp and Columba Nwosu began the CSO/Apprentice Program through Ridgewater College on September 27, 2010.

At the end of 2010, Sgt. Michael Markkanen, Sgt. Daniel Erickson, and Sgt. Vince King retired from the Emergency Response Team (ERT). Filling those positions, along with a past vacancy on the team, were Officer Jason Evans, Officer Joshua Helgeson, Officer James Venenga, and Officer Dustin Van der Hagen.





WILLMAR POLICE DEPARTMENT STAFFING

| YEAR | POPULATION | SWORN OFFICERS | OFFICERS ON PATROL | CALLS FOR SERVICE |
|-------------|---------------|----------------|--------------------|-------------------|
| 2000 | 18,978 | 31 | 20 | 12,150 |
| 2001 | 18,351 | 32 | 21 | 11,760 |
| 2002 | 18,488 | 31 | 20 | 12,153 |
| 2003 | 18,512 | 32 | 21 | 12,944 |
| 2004 | 18,597 | 32 | 21 | 12,563 |
| 2005 | 18,659 | 31 | 20 | 17,051 |
| 2006 | 18,709 | 33 | 20 | 20,363 |
| 2007 | 18,305 | 33 | 20 | 20,834 |
| 2008 | 19,040 | 34 | 20 | 20,754 |
| 2009 | 19,130 | 33 | 20 | 20,564 |
| 2010 | 19,610 | 33 | 20 | 19,469 |

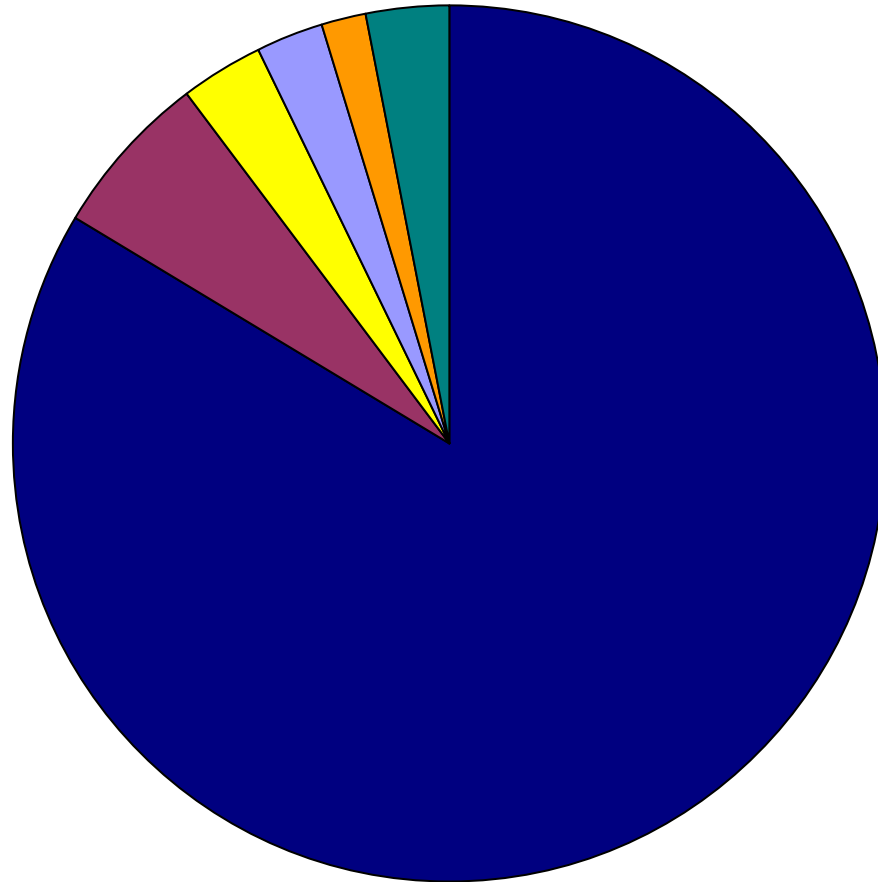
The staffing number indicates the number of sworn officers who were employed on December 31st of the given year. The actual number of officers who were available for work might be higher or lower during the year depending on the hire date or retirement date of an officer.

The number of officers on patrol is indicative of full-time sworn officers whose primary duties consist of patrol functions. In most years, the months of June, July and August are supplemented by three more patrol officers than the number indicated. These patrol officers are School Resources Officers who are otherwise assigned to work in the schools from September– May.

In addition to the number of sworn officers shown above, the Willmar Police Department has 4 full-time civilian staff (1 administrative assistant, 3 secretaries) and 6 part-time staff (4 Community Service Officers and 2 summer bike patrol).



WILLMAR POLICE DEPARTMENT 2010 BUDGET ALLOCATION



- Personnel (83.5%)
- Debt Services [LEC and 800 MHz Radio] (6.1%)
- Fuel & Vehicle Maintenance (3.13%)
- Capital Expense (2.41%)
- Other Services - Animal Control, Impounding, Towing (1.74%)
- All Other (3.12%)



WPD STATISTICS

In January 2005, the Kandiyohi County Records Unit implemented a new Records Management System (CODY). The following stats were obtained from the CODY Records Management System.

CALLS FOR SERVICE

| Literal Description | 2009 | 2010 |
|------------------------------------------|-------------|-------------|
| 9-1-1 Hang-Up Call | 115 | 79 |
| Abandoned Vehicles & 48-Hour Parking | 274 | 238 |
| Accident Motor Vehicle – Property Damage | 528 | 534 |
| Accident Motor Vehicle vs. Animal | 9 | 12 |
| Accident Motor Vehicle vs. Pedestrian | 15 | 8 |
| Accident Other Referred to State Patrol | 7 | 4 |
| Accident Packets Issued | 72 | 84 |
| Alarms | 451 | 427 |
| All Other Public Complaints | 1145 | 1089 |
| Ambulance Call – Medical Emergency | 42 | 26 |
| Animal Bites | 3 | 1 |
| Arson Investigation | 0 | 4 |
| Assault Other | 159 | 171 |
| Assault with a Firearm | 3 | 1 |
| Assault with a Knife | 9 | 3 |
| Assist in Locating | 243 | 214 |
| Assist Other Agencies | 97 | 116 |
| ATV Complaints | 10 | 12 |
| Bicycle Accident Injury | 4 | 1 |
| Burglary in Progress | 25 | 10 |
| Burglary Report | 68 | 62 |
| Bus Stop Arm Violation | 50 | 36 |
| Check Cases | 31 | 36 |
| Check Welfare of Person | 239 | 207 |
| Child Custody Dispute | 79 | 108 |
| Court Order Transport | 0 | 1 |
| Crimes Against Admin. Justice | 7 | 7 |
| Criminal Damage to Property | 347 | 349 |
| Criminal Sexual Conduct – 1st Degree | 27 | 20 |
| Curfew Violation | 21 | 30 |
| Disorderly Conduct | 55 | 37 |
| Dog and Animal Complaints | 792 | 905 |
| Dog Bites | 28 | 24 |
| Domestics | 442 | 439 |
| Doors / Windows Found Open | 49 | 48 |

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| Literal Description | 2009 | 2010 |
|------------------------------------------|------|------|
| Doors Unlocked | 16 | 21 |
| Driving Complaints | 466 | 423 |
| Drug Violations | 86 | 73 |
| Drunkenness (Other than Detox) | 112 | 112 |
| Electric Home Monitoring Violation | 5 | 31 |
| Emergency Messages | 8 | 8 |
| Escape From Custody | 1 | 1 |
| Family Service Reports | 348 | 308 |
| Fight Call | 198 | 188 |
| Financial Transaction Card Fraud | 44 | 71 |
| Fire Call Law Enforcement Response | 38 | 50 |
| Fireworks Complaint | 50 | 48 |
| Foot Pursuit Information | 9 | 6 |
| Forgery | 21 | 21 |
| Found Animals | 214 | 255 |
| Found Persons | 17 | 18 |
| Found Property | 238 | 262 |
| Fraud | 83 | 91 |
| Funeral Escorts | 69 | 66 |
| Gang Affiliation Information | 9 | 3 |
| Gang Related Materials | 155 | 51 |
| Harassment / Threats / Phone / Mail | 542 | 592 |
| Harassment Court Order / Hearing | 1 | 3 |
| Harassment Order Violation | 28 | 25 |
| Hit & Run Injury Accident | 3 | 4 |
| Hit & Run Property Damage Accident | 206 | 202 |
| Identity Theft | 82 | 64 |
| Illness or Death Notices | 2 | 2 |
| Indecent Exposure | 11 | 9 |
| Information | 64 | 68 |
| Internet Crimes | 4 | 2 |
| K-9 Assists | 14 | 6 |
| Liquor Violations | 31 | 38 |
| Lost Animals | 78 | 95 |
| Lost Persons | 4 | 6 |
| Lost Property | 92 | 55 |
| Loud Parties / Neighborhood Disturbances | 563 | 505 |
| Medical Assist / Police | 3 | 1 |
| Mental Cases | 52 | 114 |
| Mental Transport | 3 | 3 |
| Missing Person Report | 9 | 22 |
| Motorist Assists | 211 | 220 |
| Motor Vehicle Accident – Other | 62 | 40 |
| Motor Vehicle Pursuits | 6 | 2 |

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| Literal Description | 2009 | 2010 |
|----------------------------------|------|------|
| Motor Vehicle Tampering | 10 | 17 |
| Motor Vehicle Theft | 35 | 39 |
| Neglect – Information | 8 | 3 |
| No Contact Order Violation | 20 | 16 |
| Order For Protection Violation | 35 | 70 |
| Parking Violations | 250 | 238 |
| Permit Denials | 8 | 7 |
| Permit to Acquire | 127 | 156 |
| Permit to Shoot Pests | 35 | 40 |
| Permit to Solicit | 10 | 5 |
| Personal Injury Accident | 52 | 49 |
| Persons to Crisis | 19 | 24 |
| Persons to Detox | 48 | 64 |
| Physical Abuse – Information | 12 | 17 |
| Possess Child Pornography | 1 | 1 |
| Prisoner Release Notification | 23 | 25 |
| Prowler / Window Peeker | 9 | 3 |
| Public Assists | 372 | 412 |
| Recovery of Stolen Motor Vehicle | 10 | 16 |
| Recovery of Stolen Property | 10 | 10 |
| Repossessed Vehicle | 22 | 21 |
| Request for Extra Patrol | 131 | 117 |
| Residence Checks | 44 | 50 |
| Return Locate | 20 | 44 |
| Ride-Along Program Participant | 107 | 65 |
| Runaways | 37 | 47 |
| School Crossing Guard Violation | 6 | 1 |
| Search Warrant Execution | 6 | 7 |
| Sexual Assault Other | 20 | 12 |
| Sex Offender | 7 | 1 |
| Sexual Abuse – Information | 8 | 8 |
| Shoplifter | 216 | 143 |
| Snowbirds | 37 | 115 |
| Snowmobile Complaints | 5 | 4 |
| SonShine Violations | 25 | 3 |
| Stalled Vehicles | 164 | 146 |
| State Hospital Walk-Away | 2 | 1 |
| Stolen Property/Possession | 2 | 2 |
| Sudden Death / Body Found | 17 | 7 |
| Suicidal Person | 62 | 48 |
| Suicide Attempts | 7 | 6 |
| Suspicious Person | 569 | 610 |
| Theft | 714 | 689 |
| Tobacco Violation | 6 | 7 |

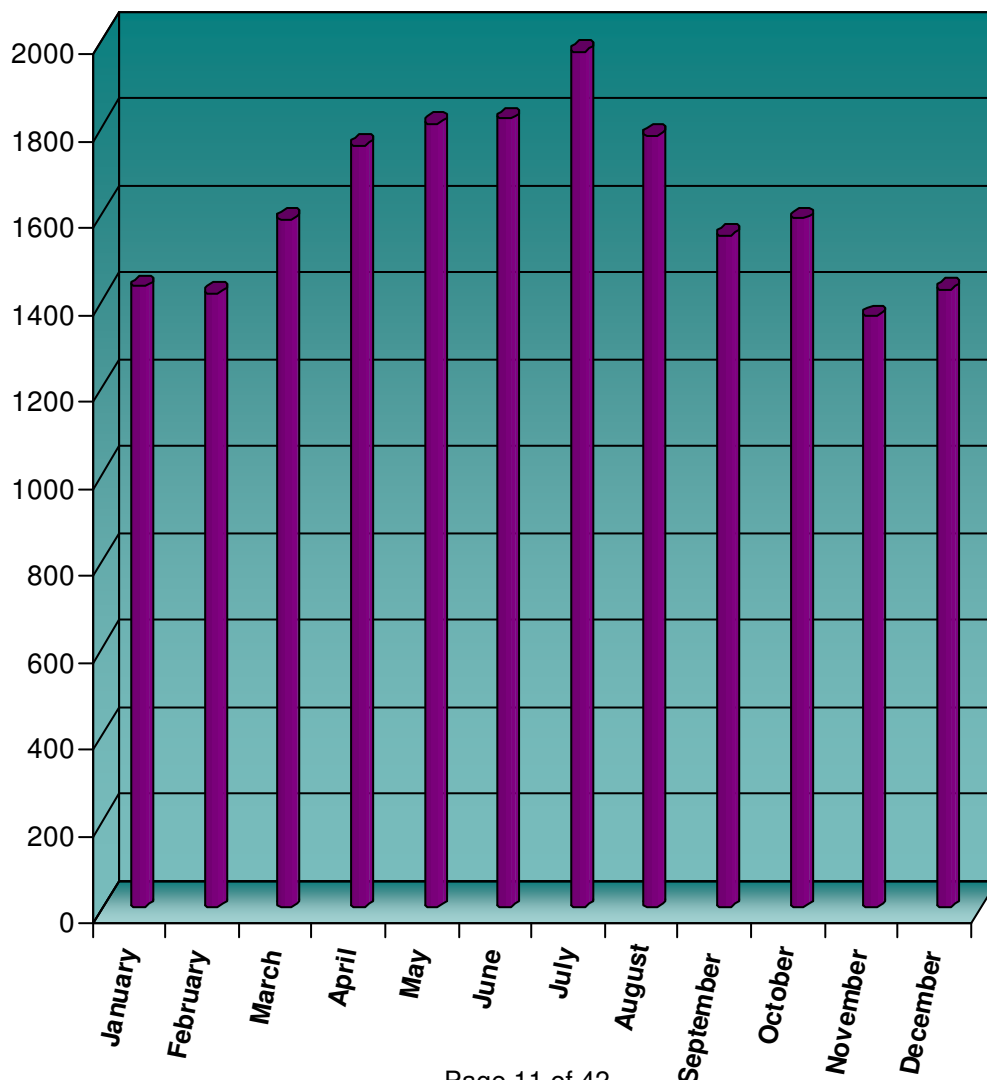
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| Literal Description | 2009 | 2010 |
|--------------------------------------------|---------------|---------------|
| Traffic Stops | 6960 | 6058 |
| Trespass | 65 | 56 |
| Varda Alarm | 1 | 1 |
| Vulnerable Adult Information | 33 | 39 |
| Warrant Arrest | 363 | 336 |
| Warrant Transport | 4 | 12 |
| Watercraft Complaints | 2 | 1 |
| Weapons Complaints | 71 | 72 |
| TOTAL CALLS REQUIRING POLICE ACTION | 20,564 | 19,469 |

Calls For Service By Month

There were 19,469 police calls for service in the year 2010. The graph depicts a breakdown of these calls per month. The statistics were furnished from the Kandiyohi County Records Unit.





UNIFORM CRIME REPORT

| Incidents by Type | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 | 2010 |
|------------------------------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|
| Part I Crimes | | | | | |
| Murder | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 |
| Rape | 25 | 35 | 26 | 19 | 14 |
| Robbery | 8 | 8 | 7 | 4 | 2 |
| Aggravated Assault | 35 | 15 | 33 | 32 | 44 |
| Burglary | 111 | 90 | 78 | 66 | 54 |
| Theft | 603 | 552 | 570 | 629 | 502 |
| Motor Vehicle Theft | 34 | 33 | 19 | 21 | 20 |
| Arson | 9 | 3 | 3 | 1 | 3 |
| Part II Crimes | | | | | |
| Misdemeanor Assault | 163 | 158 | 128 | 135 | 160 |
| Forgery | 69 | 44 | 58 | 29 | 32 |
| Fraud | 98 | 92 | 96 | 130 | 109 |
| Embezzlement | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Stolen Property | 4 | 9 | 7 | 6 | 5 |
| Vandalism | 396 | 246 | 414 | 348 | 259 |
| Weapons | 16 | 8 | 4 | 8 | 5 |
| Prostitution | 0 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 |
| Other Sex Offenses | 27 | 26 | 29 | 27 | 22 |
| Narcotics | 92 | 82 | 81 | 72 | 85 |
| Gambling | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Offense Against Family & Children | 3 | 3 | 4 | 11 | 6 |
| Driving Under the Influence | 152 | 137 | 125 | 123 | 81 |
| Liquor Laws | 86 | 97 | 98 | 85 | 87 |
| Drunkenness | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Disorderly Conduct | 72 | 57 | 37 | 48 | 47 |
| Vagrancy | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Other Offenses (Excluding Traffic) | 195 | 198 | 191 | 271 | 173 |
| TOTAL | 2,199 | 1,895 | 2,005 | 2,065 | 1,710 |

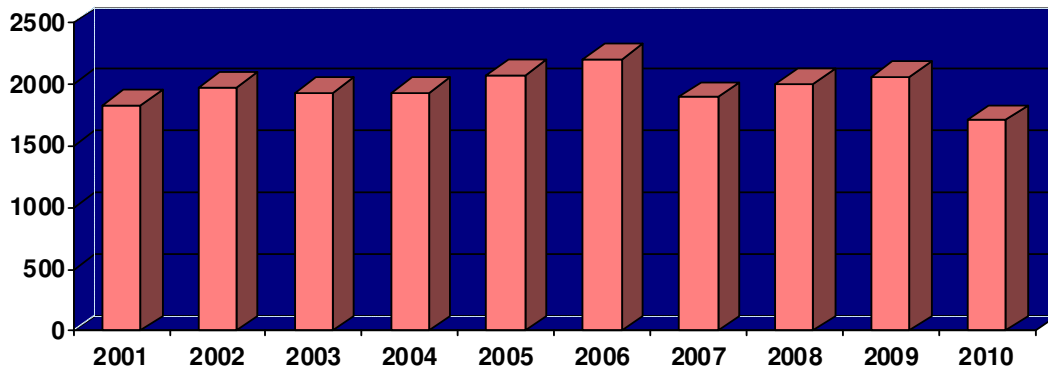
Statistics shown above are gathered and provided by the Minnesota Bureau of Criminal Apprehension (BCA). The BCA only records the most serious offense in any given incident.



MINNESOTA BCA CRIME ANALYSIS

The following is a 10-year crime comparison for the City of Willmar as reported by the Minnesota Bureau of Criminal Apprehension (BCA).

| Year | Total | Part I | Part II |
|-------------|--------------|------------|--------------|
| 2010 | 1,710 | 639 | 1,071 |
| 2009 | 2,065 | 772 | 1,293 |
| 2008 | 2,005 | 733 | 1,272 |
| 2007 | 1,895 | 736 | 1,159 |
| 2006 | 2,199 | 825 | 1,368 |
| 2005 | 2,071 | 973 | 1,098 |
| 2004 | 1,934 | 861 | 1,073 |
| 2003 | 1,932 | 829 | 1,103 |
| 2002 | 1,972 | 867 | 1,105 |
| 2001 | 1,834 | 745 | 1,099 |

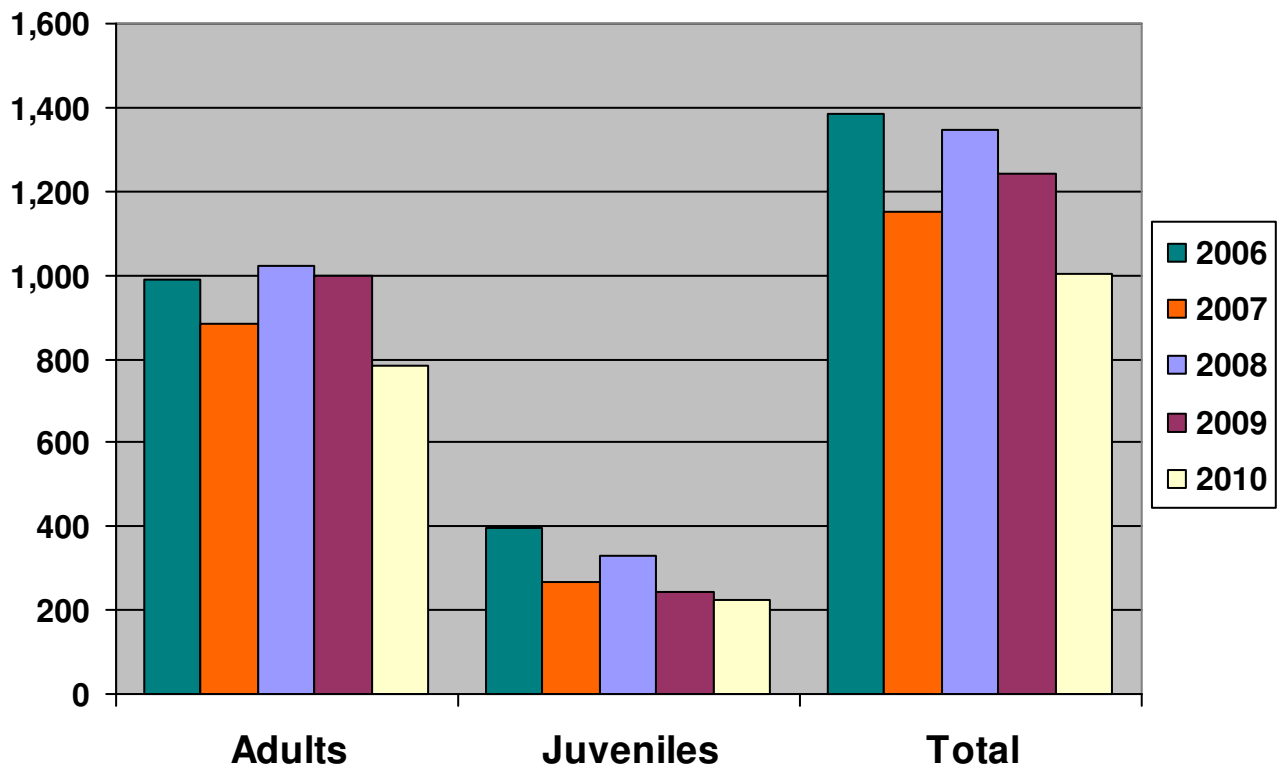


| Year | Crime Rate per 100,000 Residents |
|-------------|----------------------------------|
| 2010 | 8,720 |
| 2009 | 11,610 |
| 2008 | 11,131 |
| 2007 | 10,352 |
| 2006 | 11,742 |
| 2005 | 10,831 |
| 2004 | 10,585 |
| 2003 | 10,521 |
| 2002 | 10,600 |
| 2001 | 9,994 |



ARREST INFORMATION

| YEAR | ADULTS | JUVENILES | TOTAL |
|-------------|------------|------------|--------------|
| 2010 | 782 | 223 | 1,005 |
| 2009 | 996 | 245 | 1,241 |
| 2008 | 1,021 | 328 | 1,349 |
| 2007 | 884 | 268 | 1,152 |
| 2006 | 989 | 397 | 1,386 |





TRAFFIC CITATIONS BY VIOLATION

The following is a breakdown of District Court Citations:

| Violation | 2010 |
|------------------------------------|-------------|
| .08 or More | 78 |
| 1st Degree DUI | 2 |
| 2nd Degree DUI | 17 |
| 3rd Degree DUI | 26 |
| 4th Degree DUI | 44 |
| Amplified Noise | 3 |
| ATV Violation | 1 |
| Careless Driving | 9 |
| Child Restraint Violation | 18 |
| Driving Around Barricades | 3 |
| Driving After Cancellation | 16 |
| Driving After Cancellation IPS | 7 |
| Driving After Revocation | 120 |
| Driving After Suspension | 107 |
| Driving Rule Violation | 6 |
| Exhibition Driving | 6 |
| Expired Driver's License | 2 |
| Expired Plates | 1 |
| Expired Registration | 21 |
| Fail to Signal | 3 |
| Fail to Yield to Emergency Vehicle | 1 |
| Fail to Yield Right of Way | 18 |
| Following too Close | 3 |
| Handicap Parking Violation | 2 |
| Headlight Violation | 5 |
| Hit & Run | 20 |
| Illegal Equipment | 3 |
| Illegal Lane Use | 2 |
| Illegal Use of License Plates | 3 |
| Improper Address | 8 |
| Improper Change of Course | 2 |
| Improper Turning | 6 |

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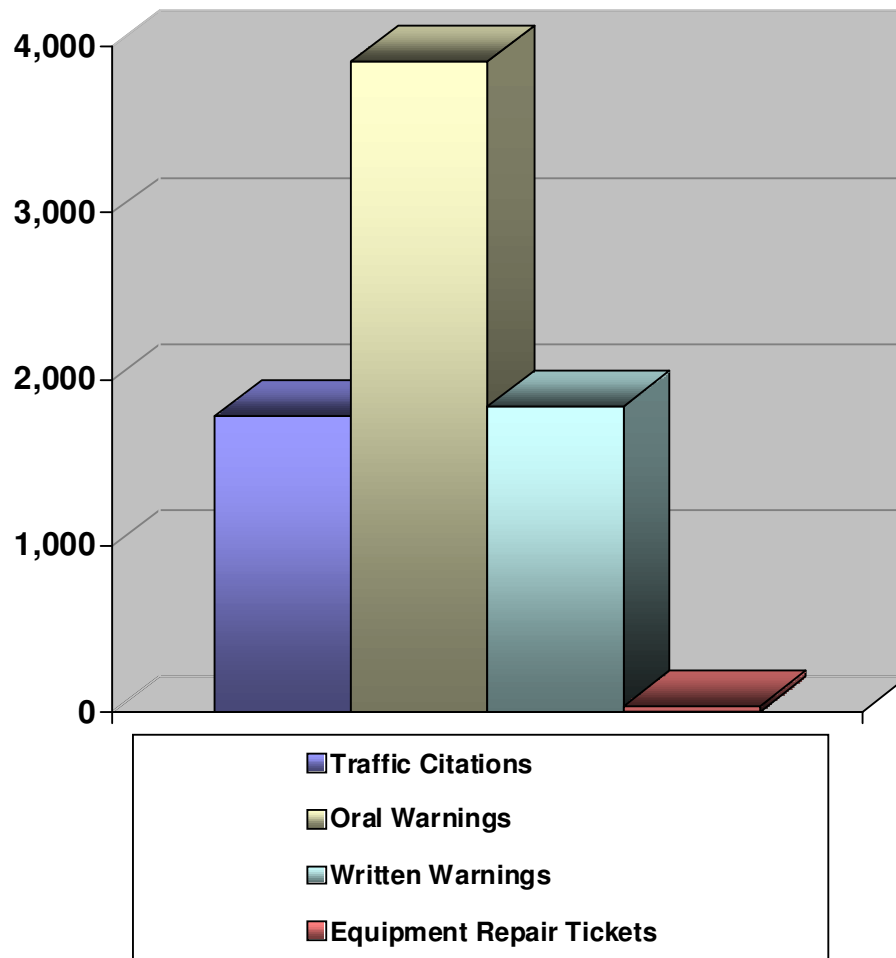
| Violation | 2010 |
|--------------------------------------------|------|
| Inattentive Driving | 11 |
| Instruction Permit Violation | 53 |
| License Restriction | 2 |
| Littering | 8 |
| Loud Exhaust | 12 |
| Motorcycle Violation | 2 |
| No Driver's License in Possession | 2 |
| No Insurance | 77 |
| No Minnesota Driver's License | 132 |
| No Proof of Insurance | 255 |
| Not a Drop Underage Drinking & Driving | 6 |
| Open Bottle | 34 |
| Over Center Line | 3 |
| Permit Illegal Operation | 1 |
| Possession of Marijuana in a Motor Vehicle | 29 |
| Reckless Driving | 5 |
| Red Light Violation | 19 |
| Refusal to Submit to Test | 10 |
| Revoked License Plates | 19 |
| School Bus Stop Arm Violation | 20 |
| School Crossing Guard Violation | 1 |
| Seatbelt Violation | 288 |
| Snowmobile Violation | 2 |
| Speeding | 354 |
| Stop Sign Violation | 48 |
| Taillight Violation | 2 |
| Ted Foss Law Move to the Left | 3 |
| Title Change | 2 |
| Unlighted Motor Vehicle at Night | 5 |
| Unreasonable Acceleration | 4 |
| Vision Obscured | 2 |
| Watercraft Violations | 1 |
| Window Tint Violation | 9 |
| Wrong Way On One-Way | 1 |



Total Citations by Category

| | |
|------------------------------------------------|---------------------|
| <i>Traffic Citations</i> | <i>1,989</i> |
| <i>Oral Warnings</i> | <i>3,071</i> |
| <i>Written Warnings</i> | <i>1,251</i> |
| <i>Illegal Equipment Repair Tickets</i> | <i>28</i> |

Traffic Enforcement Activity





PROPERTY INTAKE REPORT

The following report is a compilation of records entered into the Willmar Police Department property system. This system holds three different categories of property normally submitted by Willmar Police officers. These three categories are:

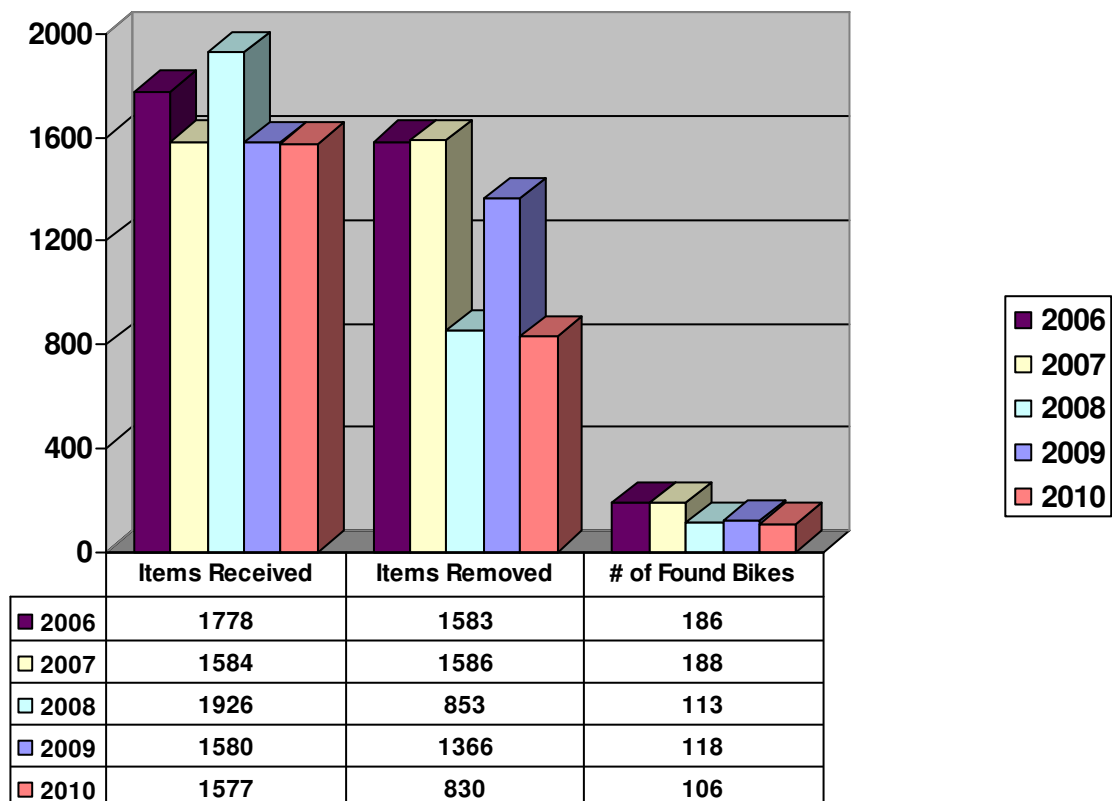
Evidence – any property held as evidence relating to a crime.

Found Property – any property found by citizens and turned into the custody of the police.

Property Held for Safe Keeping – any property held for “safe-keeping” until the owner can make arrangements for its return.

The Willmar Police Department has two property technicians. These technicians spend an estimated 30 hours per week (combined) performing their duties. The technicians are responsible for the intake (storage) and removal (eventual return, destruction, or other outcome) of property brought into the system. The number of items handled fluctuates slightly by season and by current criminal activity. Summer months normally show a greater activity resulting from a greater number of bikes that are turned in as “found property”.

The following statistics give an indication as to the amount of property handled by the technicians in 2010:





FORFEITURE REPORT

The following report is a compilation of records relating to property that was seized by the Willmar Police Department as being eligible for forfeiture. There are at least 23 different criminal offenses that are considered when determining whether or not property may be forfeited. Most property seized as forfeitable property is obtained from drug or alcohol offenses. Alcohol related forfeitures only allow seizure of the vehicle used.

Law determines who gets what amount of the proceeds from the sale of forfeitable property. Forfeitures initiated by the Willmar Police Department are divided in the following manner:

| <u>Type of Forfeiture</u> | <u>Division of Proceeds</u> |
|----------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Criminal Forfeitures | 70% - City of Willmar 20% - Kandiyohi County Attorney's Office 10% - State of Minnesota |
| Alcohol Forfeitures | 100% - City of Willmar |

If the violation is prosecuted at a Federal level, the proceeds are divided in the following manner:

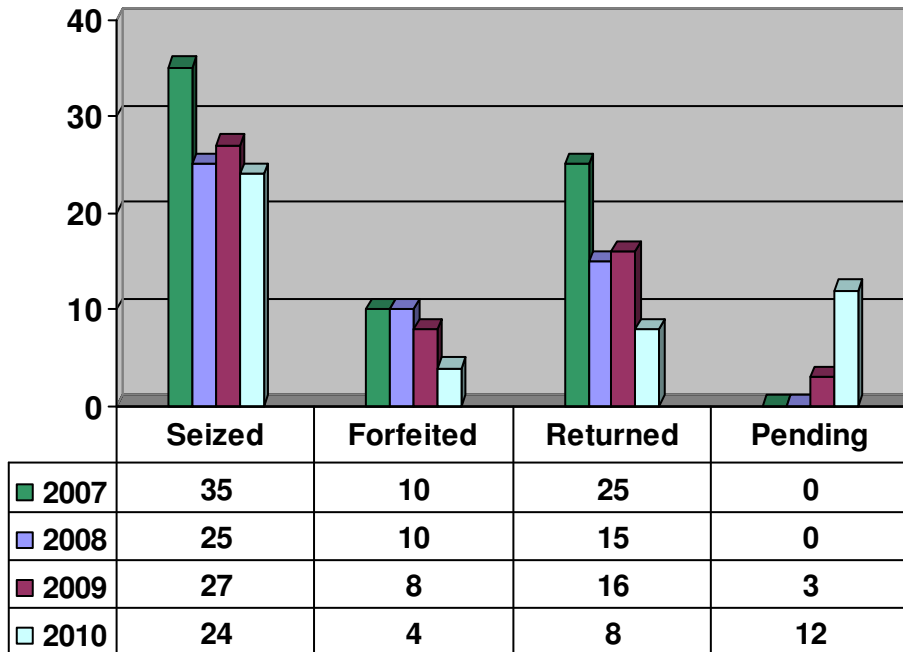
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|----------------------|-------------------------------------------------------|
| Criminal Forfeitures | 80% - City of Willmar 20% - U.S. Attorney's Office |
|----------------------|-------------------------------------------------------|

The Willmar Police Department normally employs the use of an "Administrative" forfeiture rather than a "Judicial" forfeiture because the burden of proof is placed upon the defendant. Property eligible for forfeiture is described in Minnesota Statute 609.531 – 609.5318 as property that was used or intended to be used for the commission of a designated offense.

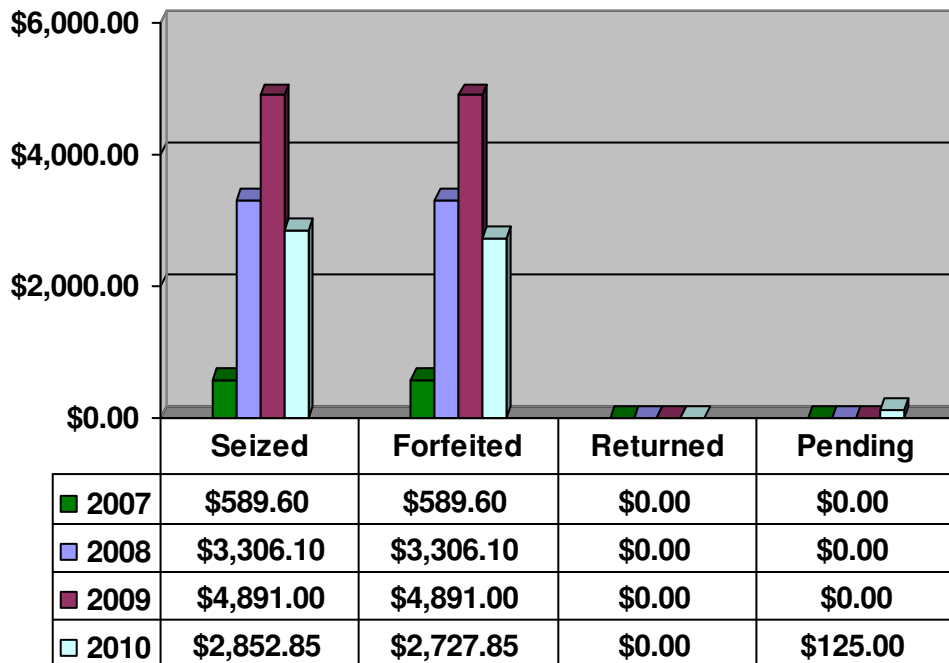
Although a wide variety of items may be forfeitable, the majority and most common items forfeited are vehicles and cash. When practical, the Willmar Police Department will acquire forfeited property for Department use. Many forfeiture actions are settled without a court hearing.



Vehicle Seizures



Cash Seizures





MISCELLANEOUS ACTIVITY

| | 2008 | 2009 | 2010 |
|-----------------------|---------|---------|---------|
| Assist Other Agencies | 1,008 | 699 | 537 |
| Citizen Assists | 1,019 | 728 | 820 |
| Police Car Mileage | 398,544 | 393,049 | 383,218 |

FALSE ALARMS

For the fiscal year ending June 30, 2010, there were approximately 535 businesses and residences with installed alarms, ten (10) of which had over five alarms. Each alarm after the 5th alarm is billed. The fee for police response to a false alarm is \$100.00 for each alarm after the 5th alarm. Revenue in the amount of \$3,400.00 was billed out by the City for false alarms that occurred during the period from July 1, 2009 through June 30, 2010.

TOWS

The police towed 281 vehicles during 2010 and approximately \$26,400.00 was collected in towing charges, taxes, administration fees, and storage. Approximately \$16,295.00 in revenue was retained by the City in administration fees and storage fees.

At the May 2010 auction, 47 impounded vehicles were sold. There was no October 2010 auction due to the small number of vehicles in the impound lot at the time of the auction.

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PRESENTATIONS / TRAINING

Requests for officers to do presentations vary as much as the topics. The Police Department also provides training to other departments. The following is a list of topics presented in 2010:

| Topic | # of Presentations |
|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------|
| Alcohol Server Education | 6 |
| Aviation in Law Enforcement | 2 |
| Babysitter Safety | 2 |
| Calling for Help / 9-1-1 (policing in MN, reporting a crime, traffic safety, emergency preparedness, etc.) | 5 |
| Careers in Policing | 2 |
| Child Passenger Safety | 8 |
| Current Drug Trends / Drugs in the Home | 4 |
| Current Scam Trends | 1 |
| Distracted Driving | 1 |
| Driver Education (concerns for new drivers, DWI, etc.) | 16 |
| Evidence Collection | 1 |
| Fatal Vision Interactive Display | 3 |
| Halloween Safety | 4 |
| Honor Guard – Colors Details (Flags) | 1 |
| Identity Theft | 7 |
| Internet Safety | 9 |
| K-9 Unit & Traffic Stops with K-9 | 1 |
| Law Enforcement | 1 |
| “Officer Friendly” | 2 |
| Pedestrian and Mobility Scooter Safety | 1 |
| People On Watch! Program | 2 |
| Personal Safety for Children | 9 |
| Policing and Recent Immigrants in the U.S. | 2 |
| Pre-Attack Recognition and De-escalation | 3 |
| Prescription Drug Abuse | 2 |
| Robbery Survival | 6 |
| Rollover Simulator and Seat Belt Presentation | 1 |
| Safety Day Display | 1 |
| Safety in the Community | 1 |
| Safety Issues with Children | 2 |
| Scams and ID Theft | 5 |
| School Bus Safety, Violation Reporting | 1 |
| Self-Defense | 11 |
| Shoplifting Clinic | 6 |
| Summer Safety Issues for Families | 3 |
| Underage Drinking | 1 |
| Work Place Violence | 3 |
| Work Place Violence for Home-Visiting Professionals | 1 |
| TOTAL | 137 |



PATROL DIVISION

The Patrol Division is the backbone of the department. Uniform patrol officers are responsible for responding to the majority of the 19,469 public generated calls for service. Uniform officers also do the majority of initial crime scene processing and investigations. The majority of the department's traffic enforcement is done by the officers assigned to the Uniform Division. Other responsibilities include warrant service, crime prevention, community education, ride-along program, parking enforcement (on street), and COPPS meetings.

The Patrol Division generally works in four teams led by a sergeant. Patrol officers normally work 12-hour shifts, with overlap shifts targeted towards highest activity days and times.

RIDE-ALONG PROGRAM

The Willmar Police Department has a Ride-Along Program, which allows individuals to ride with on-duty officers after signing a Waiver of Liability. If the participant is not 18 years of age, a parent must also sign the waiver. Individuals are allowed to ride twice within a calendar year. Officers are not required to take ride-along participants, but are encouraged to do so as an educational tool for the public. Twenty-two (22) officers participated in 110 ride-alongs during 2010.

ACTIVITY FOR OFF-DUTY OFFICERS / EVENTS

| Description | Officers | Hours | Total |
|----------------------------------------|-----------|-------|------------------|
| Benson PD – Use of Force Training | 1 | 8 | 480.00 |
| Eagles Club – Fall Scramble | 1 | 4 | 240.00 |
| Grizzly's – Alcohol Server Training | 1 | 2 | 120.00 |
| Kandiyohi County Fair | 6 | 34.5 | -- |
| Marcus Construction – House Move | 2 | 2 | 120.00 |
| Montevideo PD – Taser Recert. Training | 1 | 4 | 240.00 |
| Senior High Dances | 1 | 2.5 | 150.00 |
| Senior High Basketball Games | 1 | 2 | 120.00 |
| Senior High Football Games | 13 | 39 | 2,340.00 |
| Senior High Lunch Detail | 34 | 75 | 4,500.00 |
| SonShine | 26 | 196 | 11,760.00 |
| United Way – Clean Up Event | 1 | 1 | 60.00 |
| Willmar Fest Activities | 9 | 41.5 | --- |
| TOTALS | 97 | | 20,130.00 |



OFFICER TRAINING

Minnesota law requires licensed police officers to attend at least 48 hours of Minnesota Peace Officer Standards & Training (POST) approved courses in a three-year license period. This means the Willmar Police Department must provide a minimum of 1,584 hours of training to its officers just to meet minimum state requirements.

The following training was provided to officers of the department during 2010:

| Courses | Officers | Hours |
|----------------------------------------------------------------------|----------|-------|
| 2010 International DARE Conference | 1 | 30 |
| 2010 Midwest Gang Investigators Association Conference | 1 | 21 |
| 2010 Minnesota DARE Officers Association Annual Conference | 3 | 69 |
| 2010 Region 18 Canine Detector Certification | 1 | 7 |
| 2010 Safety & Loss Control Workshop | 1 | 4 |
| Advanced Driving Course | 15 | 119 |
| ARMER Training (800 MHz Radios) | 1 | 2 |
| Bloodborne Pathogens, HIV, Hepatitis B & Hepatitis C | 34 | 25.75 |
| Body Armor Demonstration | 2 | 4 |
| Bus Transportation Training | 2 | 9 |
| Child Passenger Safety Technician Certification | 1 | 32 |
| Criminal Investigative Failures | 2 | 8 |
| Crisis Intervention Team (CIT) Training | 1 | 40 |
| Domestic Violence Risk Assessment Guide Implementation | 29 | 27.75 |
| DRE (Drug Recognition Expert) Recertification | 2 | 21 |
| Employee Education Program | 2 | 1 |
| Executive Training Institute (ETI) | 1 | 21 |
| First Responder / EMT Recertification | 15 | 268 |
| Hazardous Materials – First Responder Awareness – OSHA Approved | 34 | 27.25 |
| International Association of Women Police Conference | 2 | 34 |
| Leadership II: Strategies for Personal Success | 1 | 12 |
| Minnesota Crime Prevention Association “Leading the Way” | 1 | 11.5 |
| Minnesota Juvenile Officers Conference | 2 | 44 |
| Missing & Unidentified Persons Clearinghouse Training | 4 | 12 |
| Minnesota Pollution Control Agency Workshop | 3 | 8.25 |
| N-95 Mask – Port-A-Count Fitting | 33 | 11.75 |
| NIMS 100 – Introduction to the Incident Command System | 1 | .5 |
| NIMS 200 – ICS 200 for Single Resources and Initial Action Incidents | 1 | .5 |
| NIMS 800 – National Response Framework | 1 | .5 |
| OPUE (Occupant Protection Usage and Enforcement) | 1 | 3 |
| Perspectives on Working with Somali Children and Families | 1 | 3 |
| PPCT Defensive Tactics Instructor Course | 1 | 18 |
| PPCT GAGE (Ground Avoidance Ground Escape) Instructor Course | 1 | 20 |
| PPCT Spontaneous Knife Defense Instructor Seminar | 1 | 20 |
| Protective Order Training – Enhancing Enforcement and Effectiveness | 5 | 38 |
| Pursuit Intervention Techniques (PIT) Driving Course | 1 | 8.5 |

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| Courses | Officers | Hours |
|---------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------|--------|
| Reid Basic and Advanced Interview & Interrogation Techniques | 7 | 184 |
| Reid Advanced Interview & Interrogation Techniques | 4 | 128 |
| Reintroduction of AR15/M16 to Tactical Applications | 1 | 8 |
| School – Active Shooter Training | 11 | 50.5 |
| School Resource Officer (SRO) Training | 3 | 84 |
| SFST – OPUE (Occupant Protection Use Enforcement) & Drugs that Impair | 1 | 6 |
| SFST – Standard Field Sobriety Training | 1 | 15 |
| Shotgun Proficiency and Qualification Course | 33 | 52 |
| Skywarn Training | 6 | 14 |
| Squad Car E-Charging | 4 | 7 |
| State Hazmat – Homemade Incendiary Devices | 3 | 18 |
| Street Crimes Seminar | 4 | 94 |
| Street Survival | 4 | 64 |
| SWAT Tactics for High Risk Warrants, Barricaded Suspects & Hostage Rescue | 68 | 453 |
| Taser X26 Instruction | 32 | 25 |
| Toward Zero Deaths Workshop | 3 | 37 |
| Use of Force – Defensive Tactics | 32 | 474 |
| Use of Force – Firearms (6 Drills) | 33 | 151.60 |
| Use of Force – MP-5 Qualification | 40 | 33 |
| Use of Force – Training Rifle 50-Round Qualification Course | 33 | 41.25 |
| Total Hours of Training Provided: 2,921.60 | | |





JUVENILE DIVISION

The Juvenile Division is responsible for several programs, duties and responsibilities within the Willmar Police Department. The Juvenile Division consists of Sgt. Julie Asmus; three School Resource Officers, Anthony LaPatka, Ross Livingood and Gene Schneider; and the Crime Prevention/Community Policing Coordinator, Marilee Dorn.

Some of the activities coordinated out of the Juvenile Division include: juvenile court liaison, school liaison, community notification of sex offenders, and numerous community education and prevention initiatives. The juvenile sergeant is responsible for coordinating special events and projects, including Willmar Fest, the SonShine Music Festival, and all charity walks and runs that take place in the city.

The Juvenile Division Sergeant supervises the Apprentice/Community Service Officer (CSO) program throughout the year and coordinates the bicycle safety program during the summer months. The CSO program consists of four Law Enforcement college students and the bike patrol consists of two college students.

National Night Out was August 3rd, 2010. The Willmar Police Department hosted this fifth annual Cookout and Safety Fair at Robbins Island. There were safety booths, displays and safety demonstrations. Local businesses donated food for a free picnic, a drawing was held for two bikes, and there were activities and games for the young and old. An addition this year was partnering with the National Guard and Homefront Connection. They provided a climbing wall and a military display, and had a Blackhawk helicopter land on the soccer field. Approximately 800 people attended the event to promote neighborhood safety in an atmosphere of fun and community fellowship.



Another special event known as the “Shop With A Cop” program occurred in December. While Wal-Mart donates gift cards and law enforcement officers donate their time to help children shop for Christmas presents. This is always a highlight of the holiday season for both officers and children alike.



D.A.R.E. (DRUG ABUSE RESISTANCE EDUCATION)

This was the 20th year the Willmar Police Department participated in the D.A.R.E. Program. The program for the fifth graders started in January and was taught to approximately 300 students at Roosevelt and Kennedy Elementary Schools. Officers Tony LaPatka and Ross Livingood and Sgt. Julie Asmus taught the D.A.R.E. curriculum in 2010.

There were a few changes to the program this past year. The school district combined their elementary schools into two buildings, so for the first time we taught fifth graders at both Kennedy Elementary School and Roosevelt Elementary School. In the past, one of the big activities that we did with the D.A.R.E. students and their parents was to attend a Twins game. Because of the new Twins stadium, we couldn't guarantee good weather, so we changed our group activity to a D.A.R.E. fun night at the YMCA. D.A.R.E. graduation was April 29th, with comedian Kenny Ahern as the entertainment for the students and their families and friends in attendance.

The D.A.R.E. program continues to change and update its curriculum as new drug trends and concerns evolve in our schools and communities. Recently added lessons have been Bullying Prevention, Internet Safety, and the latest addition is education on Prescription Drugs. We not only educate the students about prescription and over the counter drug abuse, but in November, Sgt. Asmus and Officer LaPatka gave a community presentation on RX/OTC drug abuse and combined it with a drug take-back event. It was a very successful event with citizens bringing in outdated or unused drugs that filled up over 16 buckets.





DONATIONS

The D.A.R.E. program is funded by donations from the community and fundraisers held throughout the year. We have had strong support from the business community for the program for many years and we appreciate it tremendously. The American Legion Club has been our major supporter for many years and provides the majority of the funds it takes to run the D.A.R.E. Program.

The following organizations and groups donated their time, resources or money to D.A.R.E.:

American Legion
Bernicks Pepsi
Burger King
Cashwise
Culver's
Dairy Queen
Divine House, Inc.
Duininck Concrete
Erbert & Gerbert's

Gurley's Foods
Jake's Pizza
Kandi Entertainment Center
Kandiyohi Premium Water
KDJS
KQIC-Q102
KWLM
Print Masters
Speedy Print

Taco John's
Target
Viking Coke
Wal-Mart
Wells Fargo Bank
West Central Printing
West Central Tribune





SCHOOL RESOURCE OFFICERS

The police department has three police officers assigned to the schools during the school year. In 2010 the officers were Officer Gene Schneider, who was assigned to the Senior High School; Officer Anthony LaPatka, who was at the Middle School; and Officer Ross Livingood, who had an office at the Alternative Learning Center (ALC), and also handled calls for service at Roosevelt and Kennedy Elementary Schools.

The School Resource Officers have a variety of job responsibilities which include investigating thefts, assaults, criminal damage to property reports, assisting with conflict resolution and dispute mediations, as well as being a resource for students, staff and parents. From January through May, Officers LaPatka and Livingood were involved in teaching DARE at the elementary schools and Officer Schneider taught alcohol and methamphetamine awareness sessions to all of the 9th grade health classes each semester at the Senior High School.

There are approximately 175 video cameras currently in place in the Willmar School District. The School Resource Officers oversee the purchase of new cameras, consult with building principals to determine placement of cameras, monitor and repair minor problems, and coordinate major repairs with camera companies.

During the summer months, the School Resource Officers work uniform patrol and support the Detective Division.

School Resource Officer Activity

| ACTIVITY | TOTALS |
|---------------------------------------|--------|
| Alcohol / Other Substances Violations | 3 |
| Assaults | 20 |
| Calls for Service | 642 |
| Criminal Damage to Property (CDTP) | 4 |
| Disturbances | 81 |
| Follow-Up Investigations | 167 |
| Gang Miscellaneous Writing / Signing | 15 |
| Harassment Complaints | 33 |
| Marijuana Cases | 16 |
| Officer Assists | 143 |
| Special Assignments | 97 |
| Students to Crisis / Detox | 2 |
| Thefts | 34 |
| Tobacco Violations | 2 |
| Trespass Notices | 1 |
| Weapons Complaints | 1 |





CRIME PREVENTION / EDUCATION / COMMUNITY POLICING

The Crime Prevention / Community Policing Coordinator is accountable to a wide variety of crime prevention initiatives. Officer Marilee Dorn is certified as a Crime Prevention Practitioner by the Minnesota Crime Prevention Association and currently fills this position.

As part of this mission, Officer Dorn participates in the following community boards and committee assignments:

- Willmar Early Childhood Coalition
- Willmar Public Schools Child Guide Program Advisory Committee
- Kandiyohi County Heart Attack Survival / Defibrillator Coalition
- Kandiyohi County Safe Communities Coalition
- Kandiyohi County Parents Forever Program Advisory Board

COMMUNITY EDUCATION: Education is a key component used by the Willmar Police Department in its efforts to gain compliance of laws and ordinances, along with building a safer community.

Throughout the year 2010, Officer Dorn provided 268 hours of community education through 115 classes and 10 different display booths. Officer Dorn was involved in working with many different organizations in providing education to citizens in the following areas:

- Public Presentations: Audiences consisted of a wide variety of local businesses, educational facilities, senior care facilities, civic organizations, adults, parents and children.
- Media: Assisted WRAC (a local-access television station) in producing a monthly public safety show titled, "Willmar 9-1-1". Coordination is done with the Kandiyohi County Sheriff's Office, Willmar Fire Department, Willmar Ambulance Service, Emergency Management, and other local agencies who respond to emergencies. Eleven half-hour shows were recorded; with public safety topics covering: open burning / wildfires, heat in vehicles, ATV laws, travel safety, and snowplowing.

The Crime Prevention/Community Policing Coordinator has also been a frequent educational guest on local radio.

- Printed materials: Offered display materials and provided publications/ handouts for distribution. Also writes a safety article for each bi-monthly "Seasons" magazine, which is available free in area businesses.

Officer Dorn is also the law enforcement liaison to the Willmar Area Crime Stoppers, and coordinates the Willmar People On Watch! volunteers.

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PEOPLE ON WATCH! (POW!): The People On Watch! Program consists of citizen volunteers who assist the Willmar Police Department with many different tasks. POW! was started in 1997 and continues to be a great benefit to the Willmar Police Department today. Members are trained to recognize and report suspicious or dangerous situations; they are not expected to intervene beyond being good witnesses.

A POW! volunteer receives 16 hours of initial training in a citizen police-academy setting taught by Willmar Police Department officers. Those who choose to join POW! must undergo a background check and be at least 19 years old. Academy graduates gain knowledge in areas of basic constitutional and criminal law and procedures, observation and reporting skills, DWI detection, drug trafficking familiarization, bystander first aid, and self-defense. Members attend bi-monthly training meetings at the Law Enforcement Center.

Active POW! volunteers may sign up to patrol in pairs or trios, using their own vehicles. While on patrol, members call in any suspicious, dangerous, or emergency situations they observe. Some members volunteer to work as receptionists at the front desk at the Police Department. In 2010, POW members volunteered more than 1,122 hours working the front desk area, providing valuable assistance to the office staff.



POW! members also assisted the department with special events such as the Willmar Fest Downtown Block Party and the Grande Day Parade in June, National Night Out and the Kandiyohi County Fair in August, and the Holidaze Parade in November. Their contribution to the department and their community is truly appreciated.

COMMUNITY ORIENTED POLICING AND PROBLEM SOLVING (COPPS): The Willmar Police Department operates under the philosophy of community policing, which uses a proactive approach to identifying and dealing with problems instead of simply responding to calls for service. Ongoing attention is paid to crime trends and quality of life issues which can be indicators of criminal activity or safety problems. Any topics related to public safety may be addressed.

Although monthly COPPS meetings had been held in each of the city's four wards, in August 2010, the format was changed whereby monthly meetings for each of the four wards have been joined into one monthly meeting for all wards. This change was in response to low attendance (an average of 10 or less people present at each of the four monthly meetings), and an effort to save money in mailing meeting notices by setting one consistent monthly date (first Tuesday of every month at 7:00 PM at the Fire Hall) which has been advertised and is published on the city website.

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Willmar police sergeants are responsible for the ward meetings and the Crime Prevention / Community Policing Coordinator is used for research and patterning studies of issues presented.

TRAFFIC SAFETY: Traffic safety is an area of great public concern. Complaints and concerns about traffic safety are often voiced at COPPS meetings and other venues for public input. Not only does the Willmar Police Department listen and respond to these concerns, we also attempt to be proactive by offering educational training that will reduce the likelihood of injury to motorists and pedestrians alike.

The Willmar Police department participates in many traffic safety programs, whether they are educational or enforcement based. The Willmar Police have a long history of participating in Safe & Sober, which is the umbrella that unites all of the Office of Traffic Safety enforcement program efforts.

In 2010, the Willmar Police officers worked an additional 191.5 overtime enforcement hours during Safe and Sober campaigns. Over the years the focus of traffic enforcement has changed depending on what has been determined to be the leading cause of accident, injury or deaths at the time.

In general the focus given to specific problems starts with a public educational effort and eventually leads into enforcement action. Some of the focus areas that have caught the spotlight in recent years are DUI's, speeding, seatbelt use, child passenger restraint systems, cell phone use, and currently "distracted driving".

Two department officers are certified as Child Passenger Safety (CPS) Technicians, which involves instructing on the safe transportation of babies and children in motor vehicles. Three CPS installation clinics were provided with one-on-one installation advice as necessary. Also, 21 free booster seats were given to qualifying Head Start families.

The department monitors crash rates and patterns, specific driving complaints, and complaints of congestion throughout Willmar and on routes into the city.



COMMUNITY SERVICE OFFICER / APPRENTICE PROGRAM

The Willmar Police Department currently has four law enforcement students, two freshmen and two sophomores, from Ridgewater College, who work part-time in the Community Service Officer/Apprentice Program.

The CSO/Apprentice positions enforce on-street parking and parking in the city lots in the downtown area. Other duties include animal control, vacation checks, administrative errands, providing assistance and information to the public, delivering vehicles for maintenance, organization of vehicles and bicycles at the city impound lot, and assisting with the city auctions.

The CSOs have been instrumental in the smooth operation of many special city-wide activities, helping with setup, traffic control and parking enforcement during Willmar Fest, SonShine, National Night Out, and numerous other parades and events.

The Willmar Police Department and Ridgewater College worked together to develop the Apprentice Program in 1999. In 2010, our sophomore apprentices are Matt Peters and Matt Ledebor, and our freshmen apprentices, who were hired in September, are Columba Nwosu and Samantha Hinnenkamp.

In the summer months we hired two students, one to enforce downtown parking and one to provide assistance to the other CSOs. Shelby Nielsen was hired for the parking position and Anthony Pearson stayed on as the summer CSO. The Community Service Officers issued 2,119 parking tickets in 2010; another 617 parking tickets were issued by Willmar Police Officers.

One of the purposes of the apprentice program is to provide training to the CSOs when we are doing in-house training. The CSOs were able to observe or participate in the following training:

- Bloodborne Pathogens
- Hazardous Materials
- Defensive Tactics



CSO / Apprentice Activity

| ACTIVITY | 2008 | 2009 | 2010 |
|----------------------------|-------|------|------|
| Animal Complaints | 658 | 534 | 561 |
| Citizen Assists | 264 | 138 | 249 |
| Dogs Impounded | 80 | 32 | 56 |
| Cats Impounded | 62 | 20 | 41 |
| 48-Hour – Cited | 129 | 111 | 136 |
| 48-Hour – Marked | 379 | 213 | 139 |
| 48-Hour – Towed | 68 | 40 | 51 |
| Vacation / Security Checks | 1,039 | 755 | 478 |
| Bikes Impounded | 72 | 90 | 60 |



CSOs: Columba Nwosu, Samantha Hinnenkamp, Matt Peters, Matt Ledeboer



SUMMER BICYCLE PROGRAM

The bicycle safety patrol is a part-time program operated during the summer months. Duties of the bicycle patrol include patrolling the streets for bicycle traffic violators, issuing bicycle warnings and citations when necessary, and conducting weekly bicycle safety seminars. The part-time summer employees hired for 2010 were Andrew Halbritter and Ross Schwartz.

The bicycle patrol was also utilized to help at several projects and events throughout the summer.

- During Willmar Fest, the bike patrol assisted with the Downtown Block Party and helped with traffic control during the Kiddie Parade and the Grande Day Parade. They helped organize and distribute emergency management books to all of the coordinators of the Willmar Fest events.
- During the SonShine Music Festival, the bike patrol staffed the information booth at the police substation located at the event.
- August 3rd was National Night Out and the bike patrol helped organize the fifth annual city-wide safety fair at Robbins Island. They contacted businesses for food donations and prizes for games and activities. They helped coordinate safety demonstrations by the ambulance, rescue squad and fire department.

Besides their weekly bike safety classes for bicycle violators, they also did community presentations on bike safety and set up obstacle courses at Cardinal Place and several daycare homes.





DETECTIVE DIVISION



GENERAL INVESTIGATIONS

The Willmar Police Department Detective Division is made up of four detectives, two gang enforcement officers, and a narcotics officer assigned to the CEE-VI Narcotics Task Force. Their responsibilities include investigation of criminal cases, investigation of child abuse reports, tracking predatory sex offenders, investigation of liquor license applications and renewals, conducting liquor compliance checks, conducting background investigations of police candidates, processing forfeitures, and assisting other agencies in conducting internal affairs investigations. In addition, the detectives share information and assist both the Gang Enforcement Team and the Drug Task Force.

In 2010, detectives reviewed over 1,200 criminal cases. The Detective Unit received 424 reports from Kandiyohi County Family Services, and investigated 50 of them with their assistance. Thirty-two (32) predatory sex offenders living in the city of Willmar were tracked by detectives in 2010. Fifty-one (51) liquor license applications and renewals were investigated and 39 liquor compliance checks were performed.

All detectives assigned to the Detective Unit share in the everyday investigation of criminal cases. In addition, each detective is assigned to a specific area of responsibility. The Detective Sergeant supervises the Detective Division.



GANG ENFORCEMENT TEAM (GET)

The Willmar Police Department Gang Enforcement Team, known as GET, was established in October 1997 to serve as a specialized unit designed to track, identify, document and apprehend criminal gang members and other persons involved in criminal activity. In 2010, the Gang Enforcement Team was staffed by Officer Del Wagner and Officer Scott Erickson. GET is a component of the Detective Division and is supervised by the Detective Sergeant.

GET duties include documenting gang activity, identifying gang members and associates, creating and maintaining gang files, focusing attention on criminal gang behavior, educating the public on gang awareness, fugitive apprehension, predatory offender registration updates and file maintenance, case investigations, assisting the narcotics division (CEE-VI Drug Task Force) with drug investigations, and assisting the uniform patrol officers with calls for service.

In 2010, the Gang Enforcement Team again concentrated its efforts on gang graffiti and saw a drastic decrease in the amount of graffiti that occurred in the City of Willmar. Although gang graffiti was a focus of the Gang Enforcement Team, they also investigated burglaries, thefts, identity thefts, and sexual assaults.



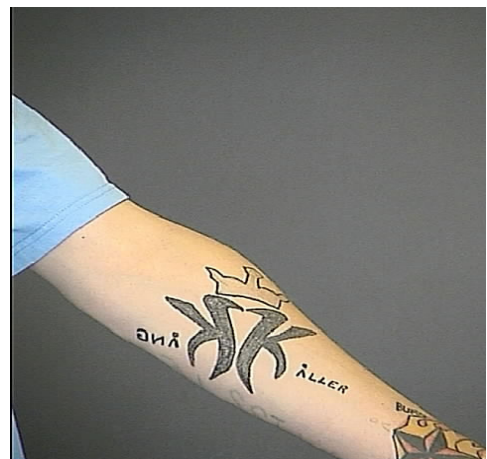
Latin King Tattoo



White Power Tattoo



Sur 13 Tattoo



Gangster Disciple Tattoo



CEE-VI NARCOTICS TASK FORCE

The Willmar Police Department currently has one full-time officer assigned to the CEE-VI Drug & Gang Task Force. "CEE" stands for Cooperative Enforcement Effort, and the Roman numeral "VI" stands for the original six counties in the task force. There are currently six counties that the CEE-VI Drug & Gang Task Force serves. They include: Kandiyohi, Chippewa, Renville, Meeker, Yellow Medicine and Swift.

The job of the drug task force is to investigate all facets of drug crimes. This includes, but is not limited to, undercover work, supervising informants, surveillance detail, writing and executing search warrants, investigating clandestine meth labs, proactive drug enforcement, and follow-up investigation on various leads.

In 2010, the CEE-VI Drug & Gang Task Force was responsible for felony arrests of 149 individuals. The task force seized and purchased over 134 grams of cocaine, 81 Ecstasy pills, 57 hits of LSD, 117 pounds of marijuana, 204 grams of methamphetamine and over 2,000 pills.

In 2010, the task force area saw a large increase in the use and sales of diverted pharmaceuticals (prescription pain pills). The trend in diverted pharmaceuticals was also seen statewide.

The task force was responsible for 59 arrests and 10 search warrants in the City of Willmar in 2010. The total asset seizures in Willmar consisted of \$8,913.00 cash, one vehicle and one gun.

Drugs Seized in Willmar

| Drug | Weight |
|-----------------|-----------|
| Cocaine | 5 grams |
| Marijuana | 49 pounds |
| Heroin | .50 grams |
| Methamphetamine | 42 grams |

Drugs Purchased in Willmar

| Drug | Weight |
|--------------------|-----------------|
| Cocaine | 37 grams |
| Marijuana | 100 grams |
| Methamphetamine | 41 grams |
| LSD | 45 dosage units |
| Prescription Pills | 597 pills |
| Ecstasy Pills | 21 pills |



SUPPORT SERVICES

SWAT TEAM

The Willmar Police Department Special Weapons And Tactics Team (SWAT), originally named the Emergency Response Team (ERT), was established in 1994 as a unit to deal with high risk incidents where specialized training and equipment are utilized. Some specific high risk situations may include dangerous search warrants, hostage situations, barricaded suspects, suicidal individuals with weapons, and special protection details. In 2010, the name was formally changed from ERT to SWAT to be more readily recognizable to the public.

The Willmar Police Department SWAT team is composed of an entry team unit and a marksmen unit. Additional officers in the department are assigned to crisis negotiations and chemical agent delivery groups. These teams operate under the command of the Chief of Police, the Police Captain, and two SWAT team leaders.

All entry team members have completed a minimum of a basic tactical class through the Special Operations Training Association, Minnesota National Guard Counter-Drug Program and/or the Federal Bureau of Investigations. Members receive training in techniques such as emergency rescue, active shooters, forcible entry, and room entry/searches. Specialized equipment may include tactical weapons, lock disruption devices, controlled explosive devices (aka noise/flash diversion devices) and chemical munitions.



In 2010, the Willmar Police Department SWAT team continued to train jointly with the Kandiyohi County Sheriff's Office SWAT team, the Kandiyohi County Sheriff's STAT Medic team, and the West Central SWAT team. The Willmar Police SWAT was called upon to serve high risk drug search warrants and resolve an armed and suicidal gunman call in January 2010. At that incident, the suicidal person was armed with a gun and pointed it at officers, then barricaded himself in his apartment. After extended negotiations, the person was taken into custody after officers entered the home and were forced to use less-lethal munitions to subdue him.

In 2010, Sgt. Michael Markkanen, a charter member of the Willmar Police Department SWAT, retired from the team. Two additional charter members announced their plans to retire in 2011. As a result of the retirements, three replacement team members were chosen and started training. A past vacancy was also filled by an existing marksman team member.



SNIPER PRECISION MARKSMEN UNIT

In 2010, the Willmar Police Department Sniper Unit teams participated in two joint agency trainings. These trainings consisted of a winter and a summer training session. During these sessions, snipers utilized access to schools for intelligence gathering and assisted with school active shooter training with the Willmar Police Department entry team. The summer training consisted of scenario based approach to a rural residence for a hostage situation with multiple suspects. Training was held with multiple agencies deploying three teams of snipers to assist with approach and entry. As a part of the summer/fall training, the sniper teams also participated in a four-hour sniper challenge. Snipers competed with each other in shooting scenarios such as cold bore shooting, five-round rapid fire, slow fire hostage rescue, and a sniper challenge course.

The Willmar Police Department Sniper Unit includes four members: Officers Craig Lange, Pete Dobransky, Chad Oakleaf, and Dustin Van der Hagen. They have attended the Minnesota National Guard Counter Sniper Precision Marksmanship School and the Minnesota National Guard Special Response Training. Additional training consists of, but is not limited to, ballistics, precision shooting, stalking and stealth, camouflage, use of optics, intelligence gathering field craft and tracking.

The snipers are required to submit a monthly qualification, as well as firing numerous training rounds from varying distances, elevations and positions.

Snipers work in pairs and can be utilized for a variety of situations, such as:

- Barricaded suspect(s)
- Barricaded suspect(s) with hostage(s)
- Active shooter(s)
- Sniper initiated Special Weapons And Tactics (SWAT) team entry
- Narcotics type SWAT entry with known and/or unknown armed suspects
- Intelligence gathering through superior optics and/or field craft
- Protection for SWAT approach, entry, and/or retreat



The sniper teams train jointly with the Willmar Police Department and the Kandiyohi County Sheriff's Office on practical scenario exercises. These exercises are designed for realistic deployment while training with specialized optics and equipment. They also train in areas of intelligence gathering, along with providing guidance/protection of the SWAT team during building approaches.



CANINE UNIT

Officer Craig Lange and Canine “Cato” began working as a canine unit team on December 1, 2002. As part of Officer Lange and Cato’s assignment, they are to perform regular patrol officer functions, along with assisting other officers and agencies with narcotics searches, evidence searches, and tracking fugitives or lost persons. Cato is a German Shepherd currently certified as a narcotics detection dog by the United States Police Canine Association (USPCA).

During 2010, Cato was involved with 32 job related deployments. These deployments consisted of 30 vehicle searches and 2 building searches for narcotics. As a result of these deployments, the canine unit assisted with the recovery of approximately 248.52 grams of narcotics having an estimated street value of \$2,032. The above narcotic apprehensions resulted in 4 property seizures with an approximate value of \$12,550. The seized property consisted of cash, drug paraphernalia and two motor vehicles.

Officer Lange and Cato conducted a demonstration for the Law Enforcement students at Ridgewater College. The presentation was conducted on material regarding evidence and procedure in respect to the deployment of a canine for narcotic searches of vehicles and buildings.

Agencies the canine unit assisted in 2010 were the Kandiyohi County Sheriff’s Office, the CEE-VI Drug Task Force, the Minnesota State Patrol, the Minnesota DNR, Willmar Public Schools, and other various private agencies.

The Willmar Police Department feels the canine unit is an important tool in combating narcotic sales/possession and deterring narcotic traffic activity in our community.





LAW ENFORCEMENT CHAPLAIN PROGRAM

In 1995, the Willmar Police Department and the Kandiyohi County Sheriff's Office started a joint "chaplancy" program. The intent was to use volunteer chaplains to assist officers when delivering death messages to families. The spiritual assistance and comfort the chaplains provided in these calls allowed officers to return to duty, while leaving the families in the care of chaplains.

The program has expanded to a level where the chaplains not only continue to provide death notification assistance, but they provide spiritual assistance to all law enforcement employees who are experiencing emotional crises, whether in their personal or professional lives.

Our Chaplain Program currently consists of three chaplains: Pastor H. Paul McCullough, Pastor Richard "Woody" Glanzer, and Father Brian Mandel. These three chaplains serve the entire Law Enforcement Center, which includes the Willmar Police Department, the Kandiyohi County Sheriff's Office, the Kandiyohi County Jail, and the Dispatch Center. Not only do they serve the officers, but also the officers' families, and inmates.

During the past year, the chaplains participated in ride-alongs with officers, helped with death notifications, assisted with prisoner counseling, along with many other events. They interact with and build a relationship of trust and friendship with the employees. This is all done on a volunteer basis.

The chaplains give of their time to help and support our departments and the community. Pastor Paul also hands out a weekly message which discusses various topics, such as relationships, character and integrity. We wish to thank all three chaplains for their prayers and support.



Pastor Woody Glanzer Pastor Paul McCullough Father Brian Mandel